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## **PART 1487—TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALTY CROPS**

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### **§ 1487.1 What special definitions apply to the TASC program?**

For purposes of this part, the following definitions apply:

*CCC*—Commodity Credit Corporation.

*Eligible Organization*—Any U.S. organization, including, but not limited to, U.S. government agencies, State government agencies, non-profit trade associations, universities, agricultural cooperatives, and private companies.

*FAS*—Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

*Participant*—An entity which has entered into a TASC agreement with the CCC.

*Specialty crop*—all cultivated plants, or the products thereof, produced in the United States, except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts, sugar, and tobacco.

*TASC*—Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops.

*United States*—the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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### **§ 1487.2 What is the TASC program?**

Under the TASC program, CCC, an agency and instrumentality of the

United States within the Department of Agriculture, provides funds to eligible organizations, on a grant basis, to implement activities that are intended to address a sanitary, phytosanitary, or related technical barrier that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops that are currently available on a commercial basis. The TASC program is intended to benefit the represented industry rather than a specific company or brand. This program is administered by FAS.

### **§ 1487.3 What activities are eligible?**

(a) *General*. In order to be eligible for funding under the TASC program, activities must address sanitary, phytosanitary, or technical barriers to export of specialty crops. Examples of expenses that CCC may agree to cover under the TASC program include, but are not limited to: initial pre-clearance programs, export protocol and work plan support, seminars and workshops, study tours, field surveys, development of pest lists, pest and disease research, database development, reasonable logistical and administrative support, and travel and per diem expenses.

(b) *Location of activities*. Eligible projects may take place in the United States or abroad.

### **§ 1487.4 Are there any limits on the scope of proposals?**

(a) *Funding cap*. TASC proposals which request more than \$250,000 of CCC funding in a given year will not be considered.

(b) *Length of activities*. TASC proposals to fund activities that exceed three years will not be considered.

(c) *Target countries*. Proposals may target all export markets, including single countries or reasonable regional groupings of countries.

(d) *Multiple proposals*. Applicants may submit multiple proposals, but no TASC participant may have more than three approved projects underway at any given time.

### **§ 1487.5 What is the process for submitting proposals?**

(a) *General*. Periodically the CCC will inform the public of the process by which interested eligible organizations